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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF FUGITIVE BRITISH MP JOHN STONEHOUSE

REF: LONDON 756

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON ANY ASPECT OF
AFFAIRS OF FUGITIVE BRITISH MP, JOHN STONEHOUSE, AS BRITISH
AND AUSTRALIAN PRESS SEEMS TO BE COVERING ALL RAMIFICATIONS
OF AFFAIR IN GREAT DETAIL.

2. HOWEVER, EMBASSY PAO WAS INFORMED JANUARY 17 BY INFORMATION
COUNSELOR AT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION CANBERRA (H.H.
TUCKER) THAT STONEHOUSE HAD CONTACTED TUCKER JANUARY 9 AND ASKED
HIM TO PASS CLASSIFIED MESSAGE TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT. TUCKER
SAID THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET STONEHOUSE HAD BEEN CONDUCTED
IN BEST CLOAK AND DAGGER STYLE AT REQUEST OF STONEHOUSE.
TUCKER SAID THAT BOTH STONEHOUSE AND HIS WIFE (WHO ALSO MET WITH
TUCKER) WERE VIOLENTLY CRITICAL OF BRITISH PRESS FOR THEIR
QTE HARRASSMENT END QTE BUT PRAISED AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES
FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. SYDNEY POLICE ESCORTED STONEHOUSES OUT OF
SYDNEY FOR 30 MILES TO MAKE SURE THEY NOT FOLLOWED. TUCKER
FELT STONEHOUSE'S CRITICISM OF BRITISH PRESS A BIT HARD TO
UNDERSTAND, AS BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT MRS.
STONEHOUSE HAD ACCEPTED 30,000 POUNDS STERLING FROM LONDON
DAILY EXPRESS FOR HER EXCLUSIVE STORY.

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